Damage Caused by Cyclone in Andhra Pradesh and Madras

465. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated loss of life and property caused by the recent cyclone in coastal Andhra Pradesh and Madras; and

(b) The steps taken by the State Government to rehabilitate the people effected by the cyclone and the assistance sought by them from the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) According to reports received from the State Governments, heavy rains and floods due to recent cyclonic disturbances claimed 154 human lives and damaged 52,700 houses and 3.74 lakh hectares of cropped area in Andhra Pradesh. In Tamil Nadu, it claimed 69 lives and damaged 46,180 houses and 2,000 hectares of cropped area.

(b) the steps taken by the State Governments to rehabilitate the affected people include assistance for repairs/ reconstruction of damaged houses, agriculture inputs subsidy to affected farmers and assistance for replacing lost animals. Government of Tamil Nadu has submitted a Memorandum seeking a Central assistance of Rs. 221.00 crores the relief and rehabilitation measures.

Flood Hit Districts in Maharashtra

466. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK. Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the districts which have been hit by the recent floods in Maharashtra;

(b) what is the total amount of loss suffered in these districts by way of houses, crops, cattle heads and loss of human life etc. district-wise;

(c) the amount of Central assistance sought by the State Government for this purpose and the amount sanctioned by the Central Government against that demand;

(d) the steps Government have taken to rehabilitate the affected people in that area; and

(e) The programmes implemented to huge losses due to such calamities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) Government of Maharashtra had submitted two Memoranda seeking Central assistance of Rs. 715.00 crores for relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by floods during South-West monsoon 1994. Under the existing scheme, the State Government undertakes relief and rehabilitation measures in the wake of natural calamities using the corpus of the Calamity Relief Fund. The Central share of the Calamity Relief Fund for the year 1994-95 amounting to Rs. 33 crores was released to Government of Maharashtra in advance during 1993-94.

(d) The measures taken by Government of Maharashtra to rehabilitate the affected people include:

(i) Assistance to the next of kin of deceased at the rate of Rs. 50,000/;

(ii) Gratuitous Relief in the form of ration for one month to each destitute family in addition to the assistance for purchase of utensils and clothing;

(iii) Assistance to farmers for purchasing seeds and fertilisers and for replacing lost animals; and

(iv) Assistance for repair and reconstruction of damaged houses at prescribed rates.

(e) The programmes implemented to modify floods include structural measures